



**Santa Fe Independent
School District**

Superintendent Message



Dear SFISD Community:

April 30, 2021

*“The place you are in needs you today.”
Katharine Logan*

I'm excited to announce that our Santa Fe ISD school board has been working diligently for months to determine and select the next leader and Superintendent of Schools for our district and community. They will be identifying a Lone Finalist for Superintendent for Santa Fe Independent School district next week! We are very appreciative of our trustees and their commitment to SFISD and the future of our students, staff, community and education. We look forward to announcing and welcoming the next Superintendent of our district!

National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-8, 2021. The National Education Association describes National Teacher Week, “As a week for honoring teachers and recognizing the lasting contributions, they make to our lives.” We are truly amazed by the work that our teachers and support staff are doing across the District, especially during this COVID-19 pandemic as they have adjusted to delivering in person as well as virtual learning. We know that there is great talent and leadership across our District, and are so grateful and proud to see all that they are accomplishing for our students and their families. Our teachers and support staff are kind, patient, hard-working, dedicated and understanding professionals that mold our students' lives in a positive direction. SFISD teachers and support staff affect a positive influence on their future. We thank and celebrate our teachers in SFISD and their influence, dedication and impact on the students and community of Santa Fe ISD!

In addition to teacher appreciation, we also want to honor and recognize Public School Paraprofessionals, and the invaluable roles our paraprofessional play throughout the district in providing quality services that enable our students to learn in a positive, safe and supportive environment. We appreciate all our paraprofessionals and their essential contributions in preparing our students to achieve and succeed in SFISD!

Our staff makes it possible for our students to excel in many areas of education. Our Agriculture students have experienced a great deal of success in the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo with numerous medals and awards, and our baseball and softball teams are both in playoff competitions!

In addition to learning, nutritious meals at school are an essential part of the school day. SFISD's nutrition services staff are committed to providing healthy, nutritious meals to our children in the district. Now, more than ever through these unprecedented times with the COVID-19 pandemic, they are going above and beyond to prepare, deliver, and offer school meals to help nurture our students so that they are able to focus on learning. School Lunch Hero Day has been designated as May 7, 2021, to show appreciation to these valuable employees and to commend them for their hard work on behalf of our students.

This week, our high school students began their STAAR/End of Course Assessments. These state assessments will extend over the next several weeks as students in grades 3-8 and high school, will be completing these required assessments in areas of Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Thank you to all our dedicated staff who have worked especially hard this entire year preparing these students to achieve and succeed on these end of year assessments.

Santa Fe ISD is an academic leader committed to excellence through continuous improvement by instilling high standards, building strong community partnerships, providing innovative opportunities, and empowering students for lifelong success.